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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE

1. FYI FOLLOWING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE SENT BY PRESIDENT MAMO TO PRESIDENT FORD ON THE OCCASION OF OUR BICENTENNIAL.

BEGIN TEXT: "THE HONORABLE GERALD FORD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WASHINGTON DC. ON THE AUSPICIOUS OCCASION CELEBRATING THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE PRIME MINISTER, THE GOVERNMENT, AND PEOPLE OF MALTA UNITE WITH ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU MR. PRESIDENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE USA OUR SINCERE FELICITATION AND BEST WISHES. ANTHONY J. MAMO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA". END TEXT.

2. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT MAMO.

BEGIN TEXT: "ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

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AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDI-
CATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY,
EQUALITY, AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTI-
CIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUN-
TRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SINCERELY, GERALD R.
FORD". END TEXT.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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